

# Client UPDATE

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## - FAQ's -

**Q** – The deadline has passed for Period 6 on CEWS. Can I still go back and claim a wage subsidy?

**A** – Once the deadline has passed for a Period, you cannot ask for a refund since there is no legislation currently in place to grant refunds after the filing deadline.

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**Q** – How do trees access the Internet?

**A** – They log in.

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**Q** – My proprietorship had losses at the end of 2020. Are there any tax breaks available to me?

**A** – A resounding yes! If you had income and paid taxes in any one of the three previous tax years, you can carryback your current loss and claim a personal tax refund against the income that you earned in that year.

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**Q** – I was a divorced single parent and got re-married this tax year. Can I still claim one of my kids for the married equivalent tax credit?

**A** – You absolutely can as long as you were single any time during the taxation year for which you're claiming the tax credit.

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**Q** – I noticed both that my 2021 pay cheque is smaller and that I'm paying more for my employee CPP contributions. Why is that?

**A** – You noticed right! CPP rates have gone up yet again, both for employees and employers.

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## COVID-19 NEWS

### Working from home?

You may be eligible for a \$400 tax deduction if, due to Covid, you were required to work from home. You must have worked at home for more than 50% of the time for at least four consecutive weeks in the 2020 tax year.

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### CRB Payback

If you received the Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB), you will have to pay back part of it if your additional income for 2020 was over \$38,000. You will be required to repay \$.50 for every dollar you made over \$38,000 to a maximum of the CRB amount.

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### CERS (Rent Subsidy)

Eligible entities that suffer a decline in revenue because of the ongoing pandemic may qualify to receive rent subsidy support on a sliding scale, up to a maximum base subsidy rate of 65% of eligible expenses.

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### CEWS (Wage Subsidy)

If you have not yet filled out a claim for CEWS, it is not too late to get in the game for Periods 8 through 16!

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### COVID -19 Benefits

#### Interest Relief

If you received one of the Covid-19 benefits in 2020 and your 2020 taxable income was \$75K or less, CRA will automatically apply interest relief on your 2020 taxes owing. You won't have to pay interest on any amount owing from your 2020 taxes until April 30, 2022.

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## COVID-19 NEWS (cont'd)

### CEBA Deadline Extended to June 30<sup>TH</sup>

If you haven't applied for the full \$60K (\$40K plus \$20K), you now have until June 30th to do it. Don't miss out!

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### CEWS and CERS DEADLINES

#### **CEWS (Wage Subsidy)**

Period 8 – April 22, 2021  
Period 9 – May 20, 2021  
Period 10 – June 17, 2021  
Period 11 – July 15, 2021  
Period 12 – August 12, 2021  
Period 13 – September 9, 2021  
Period 14 – October 7, 2021  
Period 15 – November 4, 2021  
Period 16 – December 2, 2021

#### **CERS (Rent Subsidy)**

Period 1 – April 22, 2021  
Period 2 – May 20, 2021  
Period 3 – June 17, 2021  
Period 4 – July 15, 2021  
Period 5 – August 12, 2021  
Period 6 – September 9, 2021  
Period 7 – October 7, 2021  
Period 8 – November 4, 2021  
Period 9 – December 2, 2021

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**Having trouble with the CEWS and CERS forms? Give us a call and we can help you with the complex calculations.**

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Welcome to the accounting department, where everybody counts.

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**Ask a question or arrange for a no-charge initial consultation at**

**www.freedmanca.com**

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## - WHO WE ARE -

Gary A. Freedman + Associates, Chartered Professional Accountants is a firm which provides personalized, professional advice in all areas of accounting and tax planning. We are part of the QuickBooks ProAdvisor Program.

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- Personal & Corporate Tax
- Tax Planning
- Estates & Trusts
- Bookkeeping, Payroll, HST
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### **Age 65 this year?**

By converting a portion of your RRSP to a RRIF the year that you turn 65 and every year thereafter until the end of the year you turn 71, you can take advantage of a \$2,000 federal pension tax credit. Who doesn't want \$2,000 tax-free?

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I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop any time.

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### **SELL YOUR LOSING STOCK**

Consider selling your losing stocks now so you can utilize this loss on your 2021 personal tax return. If you wait 31 days or more, you may rebuy the stock while still taking advantage of the loss.

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## **2021 ONTARIO BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

- The approximately 120,000 small businesses eligible for the Ontario Small Business Support Grant during the program's first round are eligible for a second payment of between \$10,000 and \$20,000.
- The COVID-19 Child Benefit has been doubled and will return for a third round, this time providing a one-time payment of \$400 per child and \$500 per child with special needs.
- A new job training tax credit is being proposed, providing up to \$2,000 to eligible recipients for up to 50% of eligible expenses.  
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Golfer: "You've got to be the worst caddy in the world."  
Caddy: "I don't think so. That would be too much of a coincidence."  
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### **FYI**

There will be no CRA extension for filing your 2020 tax return. Late filing penalties will apply.

Missing the deadline can result in a late filing penalty of 5% of your balance owing plus 1% of the balance owing for each full month your return is late to a maximum of 12 months.

If you're a repeat offender, the late filing penalties can double to 10% of the unpaid amount plus a 2% penalty for each late month to a maximum of 20 months.

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## **QuickBooks Tips**

### **• Turn off Spellcheck:**

Click Edit -> Preferences -> Spelling and uncheck the box for 'Always Check Spelling'

### **• Link your email ID to QuickBooks:**

Go to QuickBooks Edit menu and select Preferences.

>Select Send Forms >Select Web Mail and Add >Fill out the Add Email Info and select OK >Select OK to save your changes.

### **• Customize Your Icon Bar:**

You can customize what appears on your Icon Bar. This makes it easier to navigate since you will only have the links showing that you require most. Head to View>Customize Icon Bar and keep only what you use most frequently.

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"Doctor, that medicine you gave me isn't working. Is there anything else I could try?" "Fill out this tax form", suggests the doctor. "How's that going to help me?" asks the man. "I'm not sure," replies the doctor, "but some of my patients say it gives them relief."

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### **Did you know...**

That you can now get a digital news subscription tax credit? Watch your email for your 2020 digital subscription receipt.

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### **Don't miss out on \$750!**

If you were a first time homebuyer in 2020, you may be able to claim the \$5,000 homebuyers' amount on your personal tax return. This amount can result in a non-refundable tax credit of \$750.

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